

REMARKS

Claim 1-22 are at issue, claims 23-27 having been allowed.

The specification has been amended to include the Serial No. 09/965,359 as requested in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action. The specification has also been amended to include the reference numerals 50, 132, 150, 154, 156 and 192, 194 to overcome the informalities in the drawings noted in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action. The specification has been amended to correct the informalities noted in the description of the drawings on pages 3-6.

The job controller 30 described in the specification and shown in the informal drawings filed with the application was misnumbered in Fig. 1 of the formal drawings as 32. As such a substitute sheet of formal drawings for Fig. 1 is being filed herewith with the job controller correctly identified with reference numeral 30.

Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended to overcome the objection to those claims under 35 U.S.C. §112. Specifically, the claims have been amended to specify that the method determines "a total number of times that each of the determined minimum number of plates must be run to print the predetermined number of labels" to link this step to the step of determining a minimum number of plates. Claims 1, 9, and 16 have also been amended to specify that the reference is a "reference number" to which the total run time number is compared to determine whether to increase the number of plates. As such, claims 1-22 are believed to be allowable under 35 U.S.C. §112. Further, this amendment is believed to overcome the objection to claim 2 since "reference number" now has proper antecedent basis. Claim 8 has also been amended to depend from claim 7 to overcome the objection to claim 8.

In view of the above amendments, the present application is believed to be allowable.
Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22 is respectfully requested.


The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment
to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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